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Best Sleep Centre owner David Keam started accepting Bitcoins at his provinciewide furniture shop late last week. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

If you invested in bitcoins, you can sleep easy

What's in your wallet?
Best Sleep Centre has become the first retailer in the province to accept the virtual currency



SHANE GIBSON
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Best Sleep Centre has become the first retailer in Manitoba to officially take a chance on Bitcoins, with the province-wide furniture shop starting to accept the digital currency late last week.

"It works like cash money, it's like buying in a different currency," explained owner David Keam, who has yet to make a sale with the virtual currency, but told Metro he has

Digital dough

The world's first Bitcoin ATM opened in Vancouver last October, and the company behind the venture, Las Vegas-based Robocoin, saw over \$1 million in transactions within the first month, according to the company's website.

already seen interest. "We've been making some noise on the Internet ... and I have had some conversations with interested people."

Bitcoins differ from cash because instead of being controlled by a central bank, they are mathematically generated through a series of commands executed by computers in a peer-to-peer network.

The process is called Bitcoin "mining" and is set up so that

the total number of Bitcoins that can ever be generated is limited to about 21 million.

Keam said the process means the price of the unregulated Bitcoins can fluctuate quickly — but he's not overly concerned about losing money — he's more interested in helping the idea work.

"All currencies are hypothetical — the Canadian dollar is worthless, the American dollar worthless — except for the fact that we both agree that it's not," he told Metro. "Bitcoin is backed by nothing, it's just simply the world saying, 'We will accept this' ... and the more people decide to accept it the more legitimate it becomes."

A Bitcoin ATM will open in Winnipeg on Feb. 15 as part of CoinFest Winnipeg. Santa Lucia will also start accepting Bitcoins that day.

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Murder trial

Foster baby who died had frequent bruises, court hears

Before he was one year old, and long before he died suddenly, Cameron Ouskan would regularly suffer bruises, his foster mother told a murder trial in Winnipeg.

"He always had a new bruise — maybe the size of a dime — every other day, every few days," Brenda Blacksmith testified Tuesday.

But in a busy house with two working parents, a daytime babysitter and four other kids, it was unclear who or what was causing the bruising.

"No one could explain that to me," she said.

Blacksmith testified on the second day of the second-degree murder trial of her husband, Roderick Blacksmith, in the Nov. 12, 2008 death of Cameron, who was 13 months old at the time. Cameron was rushed to hospital in the small town of Gillam and transferred to hospital in Thompson, where he died the following day.

On Monday, the trial was shown a videotaped police interview in which Roderick Blacksmith said the baby liked to fall backwards and bump his head on the floor as a form of play.

He told police the boy had been put to bed on Nov. 12, 2008, and when he went back to check on him, the baby was unresponsive and his mouth was filled with vomit. Brenda Blacksmith was not in the house at the time.

Blacksmith told police he called the hospital, and performed CPR and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation until help arrived.

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Transportation. Study to find ways to tackle backlogs in grain shipments: Ritz

Ottawa is putting up money for a transportation study to find ways of tackling huge backlogs in grain shipments.

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz says a bumper crop last year has posed some serious challenges. He says big crops are the "new normal" and Canada's economy depends on a reliable way of getting them to market.

Ritz says the federal government is providing \$1.5 million

to help study the problem and come up with solutions.

Gordon Bacon, CEO of Pulse Canada, says Canada's reputation as a reliable source of grain is tarnished by the backlogs and serious improvements are needed.

The backlog has left some farmers wondering what good a bumper crop is if they aren't able to get it to market.

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Another road fatality. Man killed in crash with semi-trailer on Highway 6

A 48-year-old man is dead following a crash in the RM of Rosser Monday night.

Stonewall RCMP say the man was heading south on Provincial Road 236 in a pickup truck when he failed to stop at the intersection of Highway 6 and was hit by a westbound semi-trailer.

Alcohol is not considered a factor in the crash.

Police won't be releasing

At the scene

The man was pronounced dead at the scene, and the 47-year-old man behind the wheel of the semi-trailer received minor injuries.

the name of the man killed, and their investigation continues. METRO

Tipi maker sees success with scaled down versions

Tipi Joe. Miniatures used to spread maker's traditional knowledge of tipis

Get 'em while they're hot

The tipis are selling for \$30 and can be ordered by emailing Lanceley at jlanceley@hotmail.com.

The tipi-guru behind the Winnipeg Folk Festival campground's now defunct Tipi Village has come up with a new way of spreading his passion for tipis.

And these tipis are much easier to fit into your car.

Joe "Tipi Joe" Lanceley is making miniature canvas tipis — completely to scale — in hopes of using the unique gift idea to pass on his knowledge about the traditional dwellings.

"It's that one piece of Aboriginal technology that people haven't totally embraced," explained Lanceley. "No one looks at you funny if you're driving down the road with a canoe or a kayak strapped to your car, or if you're going out snowshoeing ... but you say you have a

tipi and people are like, 'What are you so impassioned about Aboriginal culture for?'

"The thing about a tipi is that it appeals to all your senses — it's visually pleasing and it's in harmony with its surroundings."

Lanceley, who also builds and sells full-sized tipis, got the idea to create the roughly 16-inch full replicas after seeing a toy tipi made of plastic being sold with figurines based on the "Hollywood idea" of cowboy and Indians while Christmas shopping for his daughter.

"I wanted to make something that was a little more culturally appropriate to give to kids," he said of the models,



Winnipeg's Joe "Tipi Joe" Lanceley is making and selling miniature models of the full-sized tipis he builds as both a toy for kids and a decorative piece for adults. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

which quickly led to orders for more. "I made some and posted a picture on Facebook ... and

immediately got a tremendous response."

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'The unravelling of Ford': New vid shows mayor off the wagon

Broken promise. The mayor pledged to clean up his act, but this vid shows he has not done that, says a council member

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford ended weeks of adamant vows that he had given up alcohol by admitting Tuesday that he was drinking the previous night, after a video emerged of him in a rambling, profane rant.

The poorly framed video of the largely incoherent Ford using Jamaican swear words was posted to YouTube anonymously, and appears to have been filmed

at a restaurant called Steak Queen in the city's north west.

Ford admitted he had been drinking, but said it was on his "own time."

"I was with some friends and what I do in my personal life with my personal friends, that's up to me," Ford told reporters outside his city hall office. "It really has nothing to do with you guys."

The mayor denied that he was on drugs the previous night but wouldn't say how he got home from the restaurant in that state.

In the video Ford uses profanity, appears to imitate a Jamaican accent and uses the Jamaican swear word bumbaclot, references Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair

Quoted

"We've been fairly silent in just waiting for the next thing to occur ... I think we all had sort of concluded it was only a matter of time."

Coun. Michael Thompson about Ford

and counter-surveillance, though full sentences cannot be made out from the audio.

Ford said he did not think the language he used was offensive or discriminatory.

"It's how I speak with some of my friends," he said.

Coun. Michael Thompson, the city's only black councillor, said the mayor's

interpretation of "supposedly being Jamaican" was offensive.

He called it another unfortunate situation in the "unravelling of Rob Ford," saying many fellow councillors were skeptical of Ford's claims of sobriety.

A user of the social media site Instagram posted a photo around midnight of the mayor posing with two men and identified the location as Steak Queen.

Coun. Joe Mihevic said it appeared from the video that Ford was "off the wagon."

"It was his commitment that he would clean up his act," Mihevic said. "What this shows is that he has not done that."

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford leaves his city hall office on Tuesday. A new video of what appears to be an intoxicated Mayor Ford has surfaced.

ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Throngs delighted by Harper's Israeli stance



Prime Minister Stephen Harper stands in front of the Western Wall in Israel, Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Throngs of Israelis literally reached out to touch Stephen Harper on Tuesday as he basked in a hero's welcome at the sacred Western Wall, shortly after he and his Israeli counterpart insisted their countries do, indeed, have differences of opinion.

The prime minister's

jam-packed second full day in Israel included a morning chat with President Shimon Peres, as well as a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and six Canadian cabinet ministers, including John Baird and Jason Kenney.

Netanyahu and his wife then accompanied Harper

and his wife Laureen to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum for a harrowing look back at the horrors perpetrated on the Jews by Nazi Germany.

Netanyahu spoke at length at every stop of the tour, explaining the exhibits to the Harpers. At the end of the visit, they stopped in the

Hall of Names, where the names of Holocaust victims are permanently preserved.

Just after sunset, the prime minister was greeted by hundreds of onlookers who cheered and reached out their hands to touch him as he made his way from his vehicle to the wall.

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Chinese man executed, kept sex slaves

Luoyang city. The man, 36, kept his six female victims in a dungeon; two were killed by fellow victims

China executed a man on Tuesday who kept six women in a dungeon as sex slaves for

periods of up to 21 months, during which he coerced three of them to kill two of their fellow captives, a court official said.

Li Hao, 36, who was executed, had dug a dungeon underneath a basement he bought in August 2009 and tricked women who worked at hair salons, karaoke bars and a massage parlour into

going there with him, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Li repeatedly raped the women, who were held there between two and 21 months, it said.

Police said he wanted to make money by forcing the women into prostitution and to appear in obscene webcasts.

His dungeon in Luoyang city in central Henan province was discovered after one of the women escaped and went to police.

The two women who died were killed by three of the others on Li's instructions, and they were also found guilty of murder; according to Xinhua, they were shown leniency. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Married with a child; dungeon away from his home

Xinhua News Agency said Li Hao was convicted of murder, rape, illegal detention, organized prostitution and manufacturing pornography for profit. He was sentenced to death and fined \$1,640.

- Li forced the women to appear in sex webcasts.
- When Li was arrested in September 2011, he was married with an eight-month-old son.



A Jersey wind chill: -40 C!

A woman tries to control her skirt and umbrella as a gusty wind blows onto her during a winter storm, Tuesday, in Jersey City, N.J. A cold spell has gripped the region, with bitterly cold air and wind chills as low as -40 C in the forecast. **JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pennsylvania

American cops really 'liked' this dude's Facebook post

Police in one Pennsylvania town really "liked" this Facebook post.

The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader reports officers arrested 35-year-old Anthony Lescowitch less than two hours after he shared a wanted photo of himself and taunted police for not being able to find him.

Police in Freeland say Lescowitch shared the wanted bulletin minutes after they posted it on the department Facebook

page on Monday night.

He was being sought by police on assault charges.

An officer pretending to be an attractive woman then messaged Lescowitch originally suggesting a drink, which he declined.

When the officer suggested a smoke instead, he agreed to meet the "woman" who would soon arrest him.

Police say Lescowitch agreed to meet with the officer for a cigarette, and was arrested at the agreed-upon location.

Lescowitch remained in jail Tuesday.

Court records don't list a defence attorney for him, at least not as of yet.

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Can't topple a leader on an empty stomach

Anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, centre, sits for lunch during a protest rally on Tuesday in Bangkok. Thailand has declared a state of emergency in the capital and its surrounding areas to cope with anti-government protests that have stirred up violence. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fellow student the accused in campus killing

Purdue University in Indiana. Cops believe shooting of teaching assistant was targeted

A Purdue University engineering student opened fire inside a basement classroom Tuesday, killing a teaching assistant and prompting officials to put the campus on lockdown, police and the university said.

Cody Cousins, who is believed to have targeted Andrew Boldt inside the Electrical Engineering Building, surrendered to a police officer within minutes of the attack, Purdue police Chief

John Cox said.

Investigators were trying to determine a motive for the shooting, which happened around noon on the campus in West Lafayette. No one else was hurt.

Boldt, a 21-year-old senior and teaching assistant from West Bend, Wis., died at the scene. Cousins, 23, who according to police has addresses listed both in Warsaw, Ind., and Centerville, Ohio, was being held on a preliminary charge of murder Tuesday night.

Students described a chaotic scene on the campus.

Julissa Martinez, a freshman in nursing, said she was in a psychology class on another part of the campus

Motive unknown

"This appears to be an isolated and intentional act."

Purdue Police Chief John Cox

when she received the text alert from university officials telling students to seek shelter.

She said her professor briefly kept teaching, then stopped lecturing so that students could contact people to let them know they were safe.

"He tried to get everything under control because people were freaking out," Martinez said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Executed at 14. Judge to decide whether to give long-dead child a retrial

The judge, prosecutor and defence lawyers all agree that justice wasn't carried out 70 years ago when a 14-year-old black boy was sent to the electric chair for killing two white girls in South Carolina.

But figuring out exactly what happened in March 1944 may be elusive, they said dur-



George Stinney Jr. SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

ing the first day of a hearing into whether the boy, George Stinney, should get a new trial. People who attended the original trial have died and most of the evidence has disappeared.

His lawyers argued his conviction was tainted by racism and scant evidence. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pakistan. Violence claims militants, soldiers, health workers and pilgrims

The Pakistani air force pounded militant hideouts near the Afghan border on Tuesday, killing dozens of people following deadly bombings against security forces in recent days.

Elsewhere, a roadside bomb killed 20 Shiite pilgrims in a separatist province, and gunmen opened fire on workers administering polio vaccinations, killing three people.

The Pakistani government

has come under heavy pressure to aggressively tackle a surge in militant violence instead of solely relying on efforts to start peace talks with the Taliban-led insurgents.

The air strikes in North Waziristan came after the Taliban claimed responsibility for a bomb that killed 26 soldiers Sunday when it tore through a military convoy inside an army compound in the nearby Bannu area.

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Afghanistan

De-miners freed after abduction

A group of 57 civilian de-miners was released on Tuesday just hours after being captured by unknown gunmen in western Afghanistan, officials said.

The governor of Herat province, Faizullah Wahidi, said the de-miners were released unconditionally after being abducted as they drove to an area that needed to be cleared.

Wahidi did not know who kidnapped them or why. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Central African Republic

New mass grave found: Minister

French intelligence services have reported a new mass grave in Central African Republic, France's defence minister said Tuesday.

Jean-Yves Le Drian said a Tuesday memo described a grave of about 15 bodies outside the capital Bangui. He did not elaborate.

Since December, France and a UN-backed coalition of African states have sent troops to help end violence between Christians and Muslims. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Fishermen on boats catch bottlenose dolphins during the selection process in Taiji, western Japan, Sunday. A Japanese government spokesman defended the annual dolphin hunt, saying it is carried out in accordance with the law. The controversial hunt was the subject of the 2009 film *The Cove*. SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dolphin hunt the largest in years

Japan. Fishermen say the hunt is part of their tradition and call foreign critics who eat other types of meat hypocritical

Japanese fishermen have finished killing about 40 dolphins targeted for their meat as part of a larger group trapped recently in what activists say was the biggest roundup they have witnessed in the last four an-

Total number captured

250

Sea Shepherd, best known for its anti-whaling activities, said that of roughly 250 captured dolphins, the fishermen first selected 52 to keep alive for sale to aquariums and other customers. They included a rare albino calf and its mother.

nual hunts.

A video released Tuesday by Sea Shepherd shows dozens of fishermen on boats surveying the dolphins after they were confined to a cove with nets. Divers can be seen

holding the dolphins selected for sale and guiding them to nets hanging off the boats.

While other dolphins have been killed since the hunting season began in September, Sea Shepherd said the 250 herded into the cove last Friday was the largest group it has seen since it began monitoring the hunt.

The annual hunt in the village of Taiji received high-profile criticism when U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy tweeted last weekend that she was deeply concerned about the practice.

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Climate change. 2013 one of the four hottest years, ever: NOAA

Last year tied for the fourth hottest year on record around the globe.

The average world temperature was 14.52 C, tying with 2003 for the fourth warmest since 1880, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday.

At the same time, NASA, which calculates records in a different manner, ranked last year as the seventh warmest on record, with an

average temperature of 14.6 C. The difference is related to how the two agencies calculate temperatures in the Arctic and other remote places and is based on differences that are in the hundredths of a degree, scientists said.

Both agencies said nine of the 10 warmest years on record have happened in the 21st century. The hottest year was 2010, according to NOAA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They call it a royal flush

Harry steps up as prince of poop

Prince Harry has reunited with fellow polar adventurers, who couldn't resist telling the world that his special skill on their Antarctic adventure was latrine construction.

The group, which includes a dozen injured servicemen and women from Britain, the United States and Commonwealth countries, trekked hundreds of kilometres to reach the South Pole on Dec. 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Russian forces hunting potential bombers

Olympic security.

Officials say three 'black widows' are on the loose, including one at large in Sochi

Russian security officials are hunting down three potential female suicide bombers, one of whom is believed to be in Sochi, where the Winter Olympics will begin next month.

Police leaflets seen by an Associated Press reporter at a central Sochi hotel on Tuesday contain warnings about the three potential bombers.

A U.S. congressman who was in Sochi on Tuesday to assess the situation said he was impressed by the work of Russian security forces, but troubled that potential suicide bombers had gotten into the city, despite all of the extraordinary security measures.

"We know some of them got through the perimeter,"

said Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee. "She's for real. What we don't know is how many more black widows are out there."

Russian authorities have blamed the so-called "black widows" of slain insurgents for previous attacks in the country.

McCaul, a Republican from Texas, said he had numerous meetings with officials in Moscow and Sochi, and was briefed by the joint operation centre

in Sochi, which is responsible for overall security in the area.

The congressman expressed concern that terrorists could have gotten into Sochi before security was tightened.

"How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic village?" he said. "But after 'the ring of steel' was implemented, we have this one person who seems to have been able to penetrate it. It does demonstrate vulnerability."

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The 'black widows'



A photo of a police leaflet seen in a Sochi hotel on Tuesday states Ruzanna Ibragimova is at large in the city. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police letter said that one of the suicide bombers, Ruzanna Ibragimova, a 22-year-old widow of an Islamic militant, was at large in Sochi.

- Police material distributed to the hotel staff

included pictures of two other women in veils: 26-year-old Zaira Aliyeva and 34-year-old Dzhanet Tsakhayeva.

- It said the women had been trained "to perpetrate acts of terrorism."

- It further warned that the two women "are probably among us," but unlike Ibragimova's case, did not say if they are in Sochi.

- No further information was provided about the two women.



Security personnel walk in the Olympic Park in the Coastal Cluster in Sochi, Russia, on Jan. 9. The region will host the 2014 Winter Olympics, which start on Feb. 6. Security officials are searching for three potential suicide bombers, one of whom is believed to be in Sochi. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

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Young man...

Olympic band may play gay anthem as a 'signal' of solidarity

The Dutch brass band that always performs at Olympic speed skating ovals is considering playing a popular gay song, Village People's YMCA, at the Sochi Winter Olympics to show its support for gay rights.

It remains to be seen how Russian and Olympic authorities would react should the Kleintje Pils band play a song widely considered to be a gay anthem. A ban on information about "non-traditional sexual relations" signed into law by Russian President Vladimir Putin has provoked widespread international outrage from critics who believe it discriminates against gays.

Bandleader Ruud Bakker said on Tuesday that Kleintje Pils could mix YMCA in its singalong rep-

ertoire as "a signal." But he added that the band didn't want to antagonize organizers or turn its performances into a "political game."

"We will see if we can get one or two songs into the selection, knowing that in the Netherlands it will be seen as a signal we are thinking of them (gays)," Bakker said.

The band, which keeps speed skating crowds rocking during ice resurfacing breaks at Olympic competitions, is best known for its stirring rendition of Neil Diamond's Sweet Caroline and Queen's We are the Champions.

Usually they get the thousands of fans of all nationalities to dance along as they walk around the big oval with the permission of organizers. Mixing in a political message would be a new move.

The band performed YMCA at the 2002 Salt Lake City games but has not played it since then. It has also practised some Russian songs for the Sochi Olympics, which run Feb. 7 to 23. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Tickets. Sochi scrambling to fill seats amid expense, terrorism concerns

What if they held an Olympics and nobody came?

The situation isn't that bleak for the Sochi Games. Yet, with less than three weeks to go until the opening ceremony, hundreds of thousands of tickets remain unsold, raising the prospect of empty seats and a lack of atmosphere at Russia's first Winter Olympics.

There are signs that many foreign fans are staying away, turned off by terrorist threats, expensive flights and hotels, long travel distances, a shortage of tourist attractions in the area and the hassle of obtaining visas and spectator passes.

"Some people are scared

it costs too much and other people are scared because of security," senior International Olympic Committee member Gerhard Heiberg of Norway said. "From my country, I know that several people and companies are not going for these two reasons. Of course, there will be Norwegians there, but not as many as we are used to."

Sochi organizers announced last week that 70 per cent of tickets have been sold for the games, which run from Feb. 7-23 and represent a symbol of pride and prestige for Russia and President Vladimir Putin.

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A person walks through the Main Press Center on Jan. 8 in Sochi.

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Stars help Gen Y shoot for the career moon

Taking off. A galaxy of leaders, including astronaut Chris Hadfield, connect with millennials to help get their work lives off the ground

Dave Wilkin credits a meeting over coffee with changing his life and setting him on a path.

A student at the University of Waterloo, he had a single goal: Find a job.

He sent out hundreds of emails to business leaders in hopes of landing work. In most cases, he didn't hear back at all.

But he got a response back from Mia Pearson, a communications executive, who invited him to meet her for a coffee at a Toronto café. Within minutes of the meeting, she urged Wilkin to start his own company.

He did just that — and nearly five years later, his social



Astronaut Chris Hadfield is one of the experts in the Ten Thousand Coffees program. GETTY IMAGES

media marketing firm Redwood Strategic, which specializes in targeting millennials, is doing a booming business.

But Wilkin, 25, knows many young people, whether they are still in school or figuring out what career to pursue, would benefit from the guidance he got.

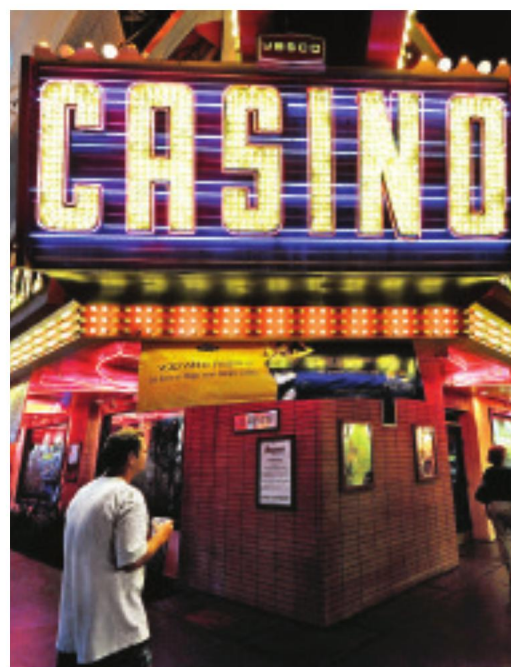
So Wilkin is taking that idea of the coffee conversation and formalizing it as Ten Thousand Coffees, which launched Tuesday at tenthousandcoffees.com.

Some heavy hitters have signed up: Astronaut Chris Hadfield, comic Rick Mercer and Twitter Canada head Kirstine Stewart. Bank executives, non-profit leaders, lawyers and academics are among the 300 experts in 21 industries participating.

Even though the program is called Ten Thousand Coffees, Wilkin says the meetings connecting Gen Y and seasoned experts can be over coffee or take place anywhere, including on Skype, Google Hangouts or "any vehicle to ignite the conversations."

The meetings can focus on career advice, how to start a business, or simply sharing a big idea, but Wilkin said it is up to the individuals to decide, and whether they want to formalize the relationship.

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Golden Gate bets on Bitcoin

The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino is seen on Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas. Starting today, patrons at the Golden Gate and the D casino will be able to use the online currency Bitcoin to pay for rooms, food and drinks. The cybercurrency will also be accepted at the D's gift shop and two restaurants. U.S. dollars will remain the only currency accepted on the casinos' gambling floors. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

Waterloo, Ont.

BlackBerry selling most real estate holdings in Canada

BlackBerry is selling the majority of its commercial real estate holdings in Canada, but the struggling smartphone maker refused to say how much it expects to make from the deals.

The Waterloo, Ont.-based company said it plans to use a combination of vacant sales and sale-leaseback arrangements in divesting the properties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

2002 income, benefits

Conrad Black owes taxes on \$5.1M: Court

Conrad Black owes the Canadian government taxes on \$5.1 million of income and taxable benefits from 2002, according to a ruling by the Tax Court of Canada.

A judge sided with the Canada Revenue Agency's argument in a dispute over Black's residency status because he owned homes in both Canada and the United Kingdom. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cases totalled \$28B

China seized 60,000 piracy suspects in 2013

Chinese police seized almost 60,000 suspects involved in intellectual property infringement cases with a total estimated value of \$28 billion US in 2013, state media reported Tuesday.

China's rampant piracy and production of bogus goods is a major irritant in its relations with trading partners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mo money, mo problems. CEOs want their slice of the feds spending surplus pie

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty shouldn't lose sight of what businesses need before making any final decisions about spending a surplus ahead of the next election, says a group representing the country's biggest corporations.

While the Canadian Council of Chief Executives supports Flaherty's drive to slay the deficit, it says in a Jan. 17 letter that there will be a lot of people with their hands out once he posts a surplus.

"If you think it's tough managing spending when you're in a deficit, just wait until you have a surplus," council president and CEO John Manley said Tuesday in an interview from Davos, Switzerland.

"Because everybody that's been able to say, 'Well, OK,' during times of restraint are going to believe that they should be at the top of the list in times of surplus. So he's going to have his work cut out for him."

It's no secret that the Conservatives want a surplus in 2015 so they can deliver on previous prom-

Slapping away hands

Meanwhile, in France, it was the government giving CEOs the ultimatum.

- If execs want to feast on promised cut in payroll taxes, French President Francois Hollande warned top companies that they have to promise to hire and invest more first.

ises, such as partial income splitting for families, for the next election.

But Flaherty needs to make business needs a priority too, Manley said.

"You have to keep an eye on the competitiveness agenda for Canada at all times," the former Liberal finance minister said.

"We have an opportunity now with a balanced budget to try to move forward in some of the other competitiveness elements, and that's what we're trying to make sure that doesn't get lost in the run-up to an election."

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WATCHING NHL SAME AS BAR BRAWL

Good morning, class.

Today's topic is: NHL hockey — Big League or Bush League?

Yes, we have to go there after Saturday night, when the Vancouver Canucks and Calgary Flames re-enacted that classic hockey movie Slapshot by starting a brawl off the opening faceoff.

Once the final whistle (mercifully) blew, the referees had assessed 204 minutes in penalties, and Kellan Lain, a new Canucks bruiser playing his first game in the bigs, set an NHL record for being ejected two seconds into the start of his career.

As amazing as all that was, it was nothing compared to what happened between the first and second period, when Canucks coach John Tortorella decided to invade the Calgary dressing room in an attempt to get to Calgary coach Bob Hartley, no doubt to enter into a dialogue about fostering peaceful coexistence.



JUST SAYIN'
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Tortorella has been suspended for 15 days without pay to cool off, but enjoys a hero's status in Vancouver, where he's being hailed as some kind of hockey warrior god who sticks up for his guys.

Of course, the whole episode is not playing so well outside Metro Vancouver. In fact, Peter Gammons, who works for Major League Baseball, went as far as to tweet, "Calgary and Vancouver last night reiterated why the NHL is a minor sport."

Wounded hockey fans wanted to know who the hell this Peter Gammons is, and I guess it won't matter that he was America's National Sportswriter of the year in 1989, '90 and '93 and received an honorary Poynter

Fellowship from Yale. Betcha he's a pussy.

Meanwhile, hockey fans are still getting a buzz off the Winter Classic on New Year's Day when 100,000 turned up in a snowstorm to watch the Leafs beat the Red Wings. See? Ain't

no minor sport.

So is a sport that features the on-ice equivalent of a bar-room brawl right from the opening faceoff a minor sport or not? And speaking of minorities, I never feel more minor than when I'm at the arena and a couple of goons drop their gloves. Thousands of otherwise sane and rational moms, dads, friends and lovers leap to their feet and let out a bloodthirsty roar of approval. The only thing better, apparently, than two goons, is 10 goons.

At least, say hockey's apologists, we no longer have bench-clearing brawls. Well, that's a relief. Now all we have to do is put an armed guard outside the opposing team's dressing room in case Coach decides to go postal between periods.

Oddly enough, I still believe pro hockey is big league. The brilliance of the playmaking, skill and speed somehow survives the worst efforts of its most dedicated cavemen.

And you'll be pleased to hear a recent survey shows that fighting has declined. There are only 0.88 fights a game! It's the dawn of civilized hockey.

Now if someone would just tell the coach.

ZOOM

Hue can be happy with colour



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Pleasing to more than just the eye

Thousands of vibrant street style photos (right) were used to design this mood-boosting sun illustration.

The colour yellow is associated with invigorating your state of mind, while red, a tempestuous shade and pigment of passion, can swing either way in the direction of love or hate. Colour does affect your

mood. Angela Wright, one of the leading experts in colour psychology and author of A Theory of Colour Psychology and Colour Harmony, roots this in evolution: "Humans have developed an innate reaction to colour as a survival mechanism. People derive deep spiritual pleasure from the rich greens of a summer landscape but can be depressed by long periods of grey, overcast weather." **METRO**



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It's right about this time of year — just after Christmas but before the yearly April tax deadline — that people tend to take a closer (some would argue honest) look at their personal finances. They hum and haw over what they've saved too little for or, if you're like me, spent too much on. There's plenty of reasons to get your finances in order, but thanks to an increasingly crowded app environment, more and more companies are creating applications to make budgeting easier. Here are some budget apps to help clean up your money woes:

Level money:

Devoid of the snark and finger-wagging that usually accompanies budget apps, this money saver breaks down how much you spend into easy-to-read graphs. You can see how much you spend every day, week and month, with new transactions added to your budget in real time.

Mint:

This app keeps track of your money and goals by using your financial information (bank accounts, loans) to

keep tabs on you. Every transaction you make is logged and will warn you if you spend more than you've budgeted for any activity — think shopping or dinners out.

Debt Manager:

If you're one of many Canadians whose finances are in the red, then this app is for you. Besides a progress bar and accrued-interest guides, it also keeps track of monthly payments for those pesky student loans and your monthly transactions.

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@metropicks asked: You can get insurance to cover 'change of heart' for your wedding. If you could get it, would you?

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Frankenstein's creation is back from the dead, again

Creature feature. The monster may have many names, but he's been a fixture on the silver screen since the birth of cinema



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The eight-foot-tall, gruesomely ugly creation of Victor Frankenstein has been called many things. In the original Mary Shelley novel he is named The Ogre. In the credits of the Boris Karloff film he is referred to as The Monster. He's also been called a fiend, the thing and the demon.

All those terms are apt for a creature born of dead body parts but a new movie adds a different name — Adam. As in Adam Frankenstein.

I, Frankenstein stars Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the prefab man. He's now an immortal martial arts expert battling a war between rival clans in an ancient city. The character takes the name from the Shelley book. Sort of.

Shelley never gave the monster a name. People often mistakenly refer to him as Frankenstein, but in the

novel the creature says to Victor, "I ought to be thy Adam; but I am rather the fallen angel."

Whatever you want to call him, Frankenstein's Monster has always been a popular character in the movies.

The most famous film featuring the creature has to be Boris Karloff's 1931 classic, but it wasn't the first. Five silent films, one with the dramatic title *Life Without Soul* and another that featured the brute emerging from a cauldron of fiery chemicals, all played to packed houses.

From those dramatic beginnings dozens of movies followed. Robert De Niro played the beast in Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. On the set director Kenneth Branagh banned the word "monster," insisting instead that everyone refer to the creature the same way he is billed in the credits, as "The Sharp Featured Man."

The movie *The Bride*, a 1985 remake of *The Bride of Frankenstein* starring Sting and Jennifer Beals, gave the fiend yet another name. He was dubbed Viktor but not in tribute to his creator Victor Frankenstein. In this retelling the good doctor is known as Baron Charles Frankenstein. The name Viktor was chosen in tribute to the film's producer Victor Drai.



Frankenstein's monster has seen his fair share of leading men. CONTRIBUTED

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Eckhart takes on monster of a role

I, Frankenstein.

Chiseled actor takes his turn at the man-made monster in new sci-fi fantasy flick

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Since that fevered night over a century past, when writer Mary Shelley, her hubby Percy and their pals Byron and Polidori got silly on sex and substances and helped birth her masterpiece of gothic horror Frankenstein, popular culture has mined and exploited the novel's concepts in a myriad of media to varying effect.

The latest stab at the man-made monster mythology is I, Frankenstein, an adaptation of the same-named graphic novel by actor-writer Kevin Grevioux (Underworld).

It stars The Dark Knight's Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the good doctor's undying creation who channels Clint Eastwood's "man with no name" by wandering into a war between two enemy camps; in this case gargoyles and demons.

It's an outrageous concept, but what really appealed to the celebrated actor was its focus on character.

"I think that for the audi-



Aaron Eckhart plays Adam in I, Frankenstein. CONTRIBUTED

ence, the movie is an action-packed, fantastic, science fiction, horror film," Eckhart says.

"But for me it's a personal thing, a personal film

about a father and son and, really, that idea goes back to the book. It's a film that marries that idea with the monster's fighting skills and this other world he

ends up in, looking for his soul and his purpose in life."

Eckhart's resumé is diverse. From his recent aforementioned turn as Harvey

Dent Two-Face in The Dark Knight to his macho role in Erin Brockovich to his extensive work with director Neil LaBute in films like In the Company of Men and

Nurse Betty.

But as random as his professional trajectory may seem, the actor has a dedicated criteria to choosing his parts.

"It's all about falling in love with my character," Eckhart claims.

"When I'm reading a script and suddenly, my five senses kick in, then I know it's right. Then I gravitate towards the director, which is important. A real director can make good material great and the reverse is almost never true. Ultimately, I'm just trying to act in quality projects, I'm not a careerist."

With I, Frankenstein, Eckhart is immersed in a miasma of baroque, deft visual effects to goose the film's allegorical melodrama.

And better still, Eckhart is supported by another great actor, genre favourite Bill Nighy, who, like Grevioux, is also a veteran of the Underworld films.

Nighy plays the evil lord of the demons and is indeed enabled by Australian writer-director Stuart Beattie, a talent that Eckhart is in awe of.

"Stuart is a real creator, a master over his material," Eckhart says.

"He loves to collaborate and has a fantastic imaginative mind, which he really put to use here. I think he created a world that people will enjoy, absolutely pure, thrilling escapism."

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Kelly Osbourne allegedly made a scene during a recent Joan Rivers gig.
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Osbourne throws her hands in the air like she just don't care (and like she got totally blotto)

Joan Rivers is a pro when it comes to dealing with hecklers at her stand-up shows, but what about when the nuisance is caused by a co-worker? A seemingly intoxicated Kelly Osbourne reportedly made quite a scene at Fashion Police co-host Rivers' recent gig in Los Angeles, according to Radar Online. "Kelly had one drink before the show started, and then during the show she got up and went to the bar to get even more drinks," a source

says. "Kelly was yelling things out to Joan during the show when no one else was and she was throwing her hands up in the air. She was doing it obnoxiously. Everyone around her thought she was drunk." After the show, another witness spotted Osbourne "banging on the door to get backstage after the show. She grabbed her friend as she was leaving and was hanging onto him. It seemed so obvious that she had been drinking."

Russell's unsure of his own Fast & Furious role

Calling his late cast mate Paul Walker "a terrific guy," Kurt Russell says he's not sure what will happen with his role in the latest Fast & Furious movie.

Russell joined the seventh film in the franchise and plays a father figure to Vin Diesel's character Dominic Toretto.

The 62-year-old actor said he had one day left of filming when Walker died in a car crash outside Los Angeles last November.

"They're having to

rewrite, they're having to do whatever they're having to do to deal with the situation. Listen, it's catastrophic. It's the worst thing that could happen to a movie, but it's not as bad as what happened to Paul," Russell said in an interview at the Sundance Film Festival.

The latest film in the fast-car franchise, directed by James Wan, is now set for release in April 2015. Russell expects to return to set sometime this year.

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Justin Bieber leaves his autograph... in the snow

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

What's the best way to distract from a sexting scandal, alleged drug abuse and possible criminal vandalism charges? How about adding public urination into the mix?

That's the strategy that Justin Bieber is reportedly deploying, at any rate. Biebs and his posse are in Colorado right now. They were on the road when the pop star felt the sudden call of nature and decided to pull over to relieve himself. But not

in the woods or off the freeway — rather, in the affluent residential neighborhood of Snowmass.

According to TMZ, local residents looked on in shock as Bieber peed in the snow right in front of them. After he'd zipped up and headed off to take care of whatever important Bieber business he was pursuing, they crept up to the scene of the crime and found that he'd whizzed his initials into the snow.

At least he's creative. Most celebrities' downward spirals are pretty boring, at least from the outside: drugs, booze, drugs, girls, fights, drugs. Bieber has all of that, but also public urination and pranks.

It certainly keeps things lively.



Kanye West

'God, sex and alcohol': The Kanye way

If you were curious as to how Kanye West coped with the aftermath of his infamous 2009 MTV Video Music Awards stage-crashing of Taylor Swift, it was with "God, sex and alcohol," he tells 12 Years a Slave director Steve McQueen in a feature for Interview Magazine. "I don't

have an addictive personality, so that means that I can lean on what might be someone else's vice just enough to make it through to the next day. You know, just enough religion, a half-cup of alcohol with some ice in it and a nice chaser, and then I'd make it to the next week."

Harry Styles cozies up to a mystery brunette at Sundance



Harry Styles

Harry Styles is still romantically linked to Kendall Jenner, but the One Direction star was turning heads at the Sundance Film Festival thanks to the attention he was paying to a brunette member of his entourage, according to E! News. "He was with three guys and two girls. They were all sitting together in a corner booth

laughing and having a good time," a source says. "As the night went on, I could see Harry flirting with the brunette. At one point it was just the two of them canoodling in the corner. They were really into each other." But Jenner shouldn't worry too much, as the source insists that getting cozy and flirty was as far as it went.

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Fans of the Beatles are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the band's U.S. televised debut. While it all culminates with a star-studded Los Angeles tribute concert (to be televised Feb. 9), there are many other ways to honour the Fab Four around the globe.

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Liverpool, U.K.

The birthplace of the Beatles. There's perhaps no better place to bathe in Beatlemania than Liverpool. Whether it's touring the Beatles Story museum — which boasts the biggest permanent exhibition faithful to the Fab Four — visiting the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney or sleeping at the Yellow Submarine Hotel floating in historic Albert Dock, the Merseyside city is the epicentre for fans. Be sure to stop by the infamous Cavern Club and grab a pint where The Beatles performed over 290 shows in their early days.
Songs to highlight your visit: Penny Lane, Yellow Submarine

4 Stops on a Magical Mystery Tour



Abbey Road, London

On the bucket list of most Fab Four followers is getting to London's famous Abbey Road. Located in the St. John's Wood district of the English capital (don't get confused with the Abbey Road transit station in the east end), this simple crosswalk is where many Beatlemaniacs recreate the iconic street-crossing cover of group's last recorded album. While the actual Abbey Road Studios is a short stroll away, don't expect much access to the Beatles' famous song salon. It's still a world-class workshop for musicians.
Songs to highlight your visit: Come Together, Something

Strawberry Fields, New York

John Lennon may have lived in Manhattan for less than a decade, but he left an indelible mark on the city. With an entrance directly across from the Dakota apartments (where Lennon lived for the latter part of his life), Strawberry Fields in Central Park is a large, serene memorial garden dedicated to Lennon. A short walk through will reveal the famous Imagine pathway mosaic.
Songs to highlight your visit: Strawberry Fields Forever, Imagine



Imagine Peace Tower, Iceland

The Beatles' legacy has even pervaded the north. Visitors to Videy Island near Iceland's capital of Reykjavik can see the Imagine Peace Tower that was built to honour John Lennon. Created by Yoko Ono, the tower bears the words "imagine peace" in 24 languages, and the memorial sends beams of lights toward the sky.
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Ward off winter's chill with a cup of cheer

Icewine. Canada leads the world in the creation of this syrupy sweet treat

A wine columnist is urging Canadians to drink icewine while cheering on the country's Olympians next month.

"It's Canada's winter gold. I can't imagine a better way to celebrate our Canadian winters. I kind of think about our Canadian athletes too and I think we all should be drinking icewine while watching the Olympics," says Natalie MacLean, editor of the wine review site nataliemaclean.com, which has more than 156,000 members.

"It's uniquely Canadian in that we are the biggest producer and the best producer, I think, in terms of quality. It's just such an all-Canadian treat that I think people need to at least try it to experience what it is we do so well here."

Canada stands at the top of the icewine podium, with

almost 100 wineries last year producing 2.5 million bottles worth \$70 million at retail. The country's icewine has won numerous gold medals internationally.

While Germany and Austria also make the sweet beverage, their winters are not cold enough to consistently produce icewine every year.

Icewine makers must deal with the whims of Mother Nature.

"I do think they are the true athletes of the vine, those who make icewine. It's like extreme winemaking," MacLean said by telephone from Ottawa.

"I think it's one of the toughest types of wine you can make on this planet because of the natural conditions that have to be there to produce this.

"They have to endure all of that — harvesting at -8 C or colder and so on, (and a) very difficult fermentation process because of high sugar. But then the artistry comes out."

Icewine is pricey due to the production process. Still icewines can range from \$25 to \$60 for a 375-millilitre bottle,

Drink it in

- **The Niagara Icewine Festival.** Runs until Jan. 26. Events in the 17th annual festival are being hosted throughout the region. niagarawinefestival.com

- **Nova Scotia Winter Wine Festival.** Several local wineries are collaborating on special icewine tours and tasting events in Nova Scotia Wine Country. Runs Feb. 7-16. winesofnovascotia.ca

while sparkling icewines can cost up to \$80 for the same size.

In Canada, winemakers producing true icewines must follow strict standards determined by the Vintners Quality Alliance.

Icewine is produced from grapes that have been left on the vine after the fall harvest. When temperatures drop to -8 C or lower, the frozen grapes



Icewine producers must follow strict standards determined by the Vintners Quality Alliance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

are picked, typically at night, and pressed immediately, with winemakers working around the clock in sub-zero conditions.

"A lot of growers will pick down to -12 C, but at -14 it's really hard to get any juice out of those little frozen pellets," explains MacLean. "At -16 they won't yield anything. They'll just break your press. They're

ice marbles."

In Ontario's Niagara region, the harvest started early as the temperature began to dip below -8 C in late November, the Wine Council of Ontario said in a news release.

"It's all about the concentration of the flavours," says MacLean. "That's what you're looking for. That's what has happened to these grapes.

"They've frozen, but in the meantime because they were freezing and thawing, freezing and thawing throughout December, that made the flavours more complex and then it also dehydrated the grapes, so what you're left with is a concentration of flavour and sugar which makes the complexity of the wine."

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Does Tahiti tickle your fancy?

Paradise, please.

A personal travel consultant offers his take on the quintessential dream destination



ON THE MOVE
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Have the winter blahs got you dreaming of a tropical paradise? According to my personal travel consultant, Carl Henderson, it doesn't get any better than Tahiti. Here's what he had to say about the destination.

What is Tahiti?

Like Hawaii and the Hawaiian Islands, Tahiti is the name commonly used to refer to a network of hundreds of different islands that make up French Polynesia. In fact, Tahiti is only one island out of six or seven that tourists tend to visit. It is also home to Papeete, the capital city where international flights arrive. From there the most popular route is to head to the island of Moorea for a few days, which is about a half hour ferry ride or seven minute flight away, and then continue



Tahiti is one of the priciest destinations in the world, but its water bungalows are the stuff of dreams. ISTOCK

over to Bora Bora.

What are the highlights?

Moorea and Bora Bora are a must. Moorea offers an incredible land experience, whether you rent a car or join a tour. I recommend the guided ATV or 4 x 4 tours to the interior where you can get up close and personal with a volcano. Guides give you great insight into the culture and history of the islands. Bora Bora is all about the water and the lagoon. Get out on the water, snorkel, dive, jet ski, sail or try out a stand up paddle board. It doesn't matter, it's all good. The lagoons are filled with marine life; sharks, stingrays and coral gardens.

What should people consider when planning a trip here?

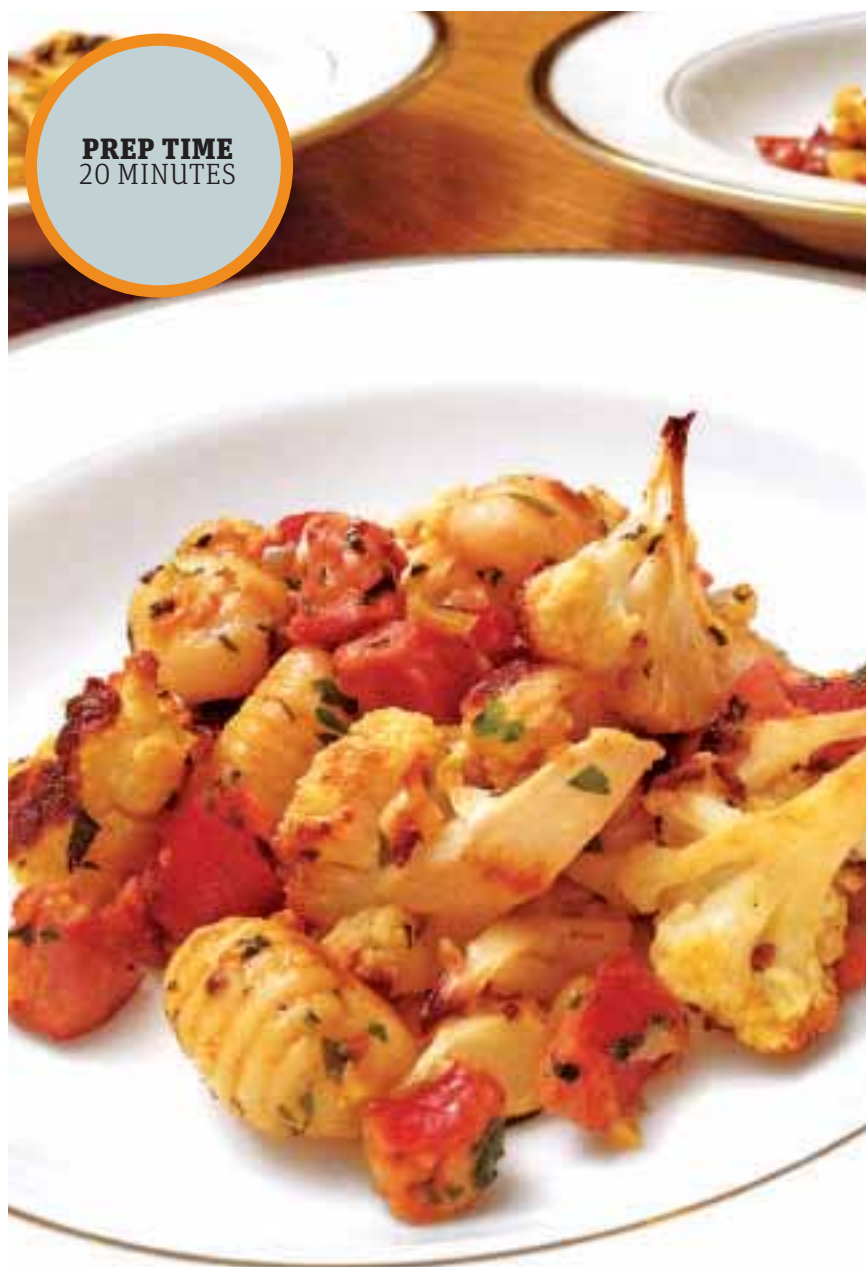
Have a big budget, as this is a high-end destination. Expect to

pay at least \$300 a night for a basic room on Moorea or some of the smaller islands. After that, the sky is the limit. Those picturesque over-the-water bungalows are easily \$1,500 a night. Fly via Los Angeles as it offers the most connections. I also like flying with Air Tahiti Nui, where your experience begins as soon as you board.

Seems like a big trip... Is it worth the extra distance?

I've been to 56 countries and have never seen anything as beautiful as Tahiti and the islands. Forget the high rises and crowds you find in Cancun — this place is remote. Hawaii gets the same number of visitors in 12 days as Tahiti does in a year, so there's tourism but not mass tourism. Everyone who goes loves it and dreams of going back.

PREP TIME
20 MINUTES



Pillowly softness and slight crunch in every tasty bite

Roasted Cauliflower and Chorizo Gnocchi.

The chunky sauce in this dish offers perfect texture and flavour



DINNER EXPRESS
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There are so many people who just don't like cauliflower. But why? It is such a versatile and delicious vegetable, raw or cooked.

You can add it to soups or stews for added vegetable flavour and texture.

Serve it up raw or blanched on a veggie tray, or how about pickled — one of my faves!

My current favourite way, however, to serve up cauliflower is roasting it.

It adds a slight crunch and decadent flavour that is so simple but yet addictive.

I am pretty sure I have

eaten a whole head of roasted cauliflower myself after taking it out of the oven!

So how do you roast cauliflower?

I've found the best approach is to simply remove the stem and tough core and cut the cauliflower into small florets. By doing this, more surface area gets exposed to becoming roasted and charred for an absolutely delightful texture and flavour.

In this particular recipe, I pumped up the flavour of the cauliflower by adding semi dry chorizo sausage and simple onion, garlic and parsley. It resulted in a dish worthy of my own restaurant menu.

The chunky sauce is the perfect way to enjoy a variation of texture and flavour in each bite. You never know if you will end up with chorizo or cauliflower accompanied by a pillowly soft gnocchi.

1. In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with 2 tbsp (30 ml) of the extra virgin oil, salt and freshly ground pepper. Spread over

parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 45 minutes or until golden brown and tender crisp. Set aside. You can do this the night before for a quick weeknight meal the next day.

2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the remaining extra virgin oil over medium heat and sauté the chorizo sausage, onion and garlic for about 8 minutes or until soft and starting to become golden. Stir in the chicken or vegetable broth and parsley. Keep warm.

3. Meanwhile, in a pot of boiling salted water, cook gnocchi for about 5 minutes or until they float to the top and are tender but firm. Using a slotted spoon or small sieve lift gnocchi out of water and add to skillet with sausage and onion. Add butter and cook over low heat. Stir in roasted cauliflower and toss to combine until heated through. Serve in shallow bowls.

Ingredients

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and fresh ground pepper
- 1 pkg (250 g) semi cured mild chorizo sausage, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pkg (1 lb/454 g) gnocchi (fresh or frozen)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter

This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Lunch. Chicken and Tortellini Toss

This dish works well either warm or as a cold pasta salad. You can use leftover chicken for this or even grab a rotisserie chicken from the store to speed

up the process more.

1. Place chicken breasts on greased nonstick grill pan over medium heat, close lid and grill

for about 12 minutes, turning once or until no longer pink inside. Remove to a cutting board and chop.

2. In pot of boiling salted water, cook tortellini for about 5 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and toss with chicken.

3. In a large bowl, combine tortellini, chicken, red pepper, parsley and sun-dried tomatoes.

4. Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together sun-dried tomato oil, vinegar, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper. Drizzle over top of tortellini mixture and stir to coat well. **EMILY RICHARDS**

Ingredients

- 1 pkg (about 400 g) marinated boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 pkg (350 g) fresh three cheese tortellini
- Half red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) finely chopped sundried tomatoes packed in oil

Dressing

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sun-dried tomato oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sherry or apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Pinch each salt and pepper

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While Facebook is for friends, think of LinkedIn as the social network for your career.

Part job board and part social platform, on LinkedIn you can make industry connections, do employer research, share updates and post a multimedia résumé.

Many students ignore the site until after graduation, mistakenly thinking it is just for job seekers. As a result, those few who start developing their LinkedIn network early, even before graduating from high school, have a distinct advantage when it's time to apply for colleges, awards, grad school, internships and jobs.

Value across the board

Even if by some chance the HR department or selection committee that matters to you is not actively recruiting on LinkedIn, there are still two very good reasons to establish your profile there.

- Today, many hiring and admissions committees are using social screening to vet candidates. If your Facebook profile is set to "private" — as it probably is and likely should be — then your LinkedIn page becomes more visible and important to someone Googling you. Build your LinkedIn profile by including a list of all courses completed, your extra-curriculars, and volunteering activities. Held a leadership position on or off campus? List it. Won (or shortlisted, even nominated for) an award? Let LinkedIn know.
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finding out everything about a company, especially all their most recent initiatives, such as social media marketing campaigns and social good activities, awards and newsworthy happenings. Every candidate is asked, "Do you have any questions?" and you always have to have some. LinkedIn is a valuable interview prep research tool.

Build your network before you need it

You might have a large social network of friends and personal connections on Facebook, Twitter or In-



With over 250 million users, LinkedIn is an obvious platform for recruiters to source talent. Case in point: 90 per cent of Fortune 100 companies use LinkedIn to find future hires. ISTOCK

Visually signal professional memberships

- On the social web, visual communication matters: make it obvious to those who glance at your LinkedIn profile that you are connected, informed, actively engaged and interested in your chosen field or industry.
- Follow companies or organizations that matter. Subscribe to updates from LinkedIn influencers in your field. Thinking strategically, not only will these affiliations increase the relevance of your LinkedIn newsfeed exponentially, they will also be displayed on your profile.

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But if you want to make a professional impact, start growing your LinkedIn network today.

Compare yourself: in 2013 the average network size of a LinkedIn member was between 200 and 100 connections, and fewer than 10 per cent of users have less than 50 connections.

After you make the 500th connection, your LinkedIn profile will simply display the size of

your network as "500+," so this is an obvious goal to strive for as an active LinkedIn networker.

Does the size of your LinkedIn contacts list really matter? Many professional networkers say it does.

If you want to

take full advantage of the professional opportunities on LinkedIn and get the maximum return-on-investment for the time you spend using it, you must be proactive about establishing many relevant, valuable connections.

If you're (even partially) convinced that LinkedIn is a good idea for you, here are two things you can do to develop your professional profile:

Action steps

The Non-Selfie: Get A Real Headshot

Ever noticed the profile photos students have on LinkedIn? The most common headshot used is a selfie, a prom photo,

cap-and-gown graduation shot.

By comparison, you'll instantly look more professional if you invest some time and money in getting a great headshot by a professional photographer.

Once you have the perfect photo, increase your recognizability by consistently posting it on your Twitter, your blog, or anywhere you think employers might be looking for you.

What's Your Tagline?

By default, your LinkedIn profile headline will list your most recent job title. So instead of advertising yourself as "XYZ Student at ABC University," swap the generic description for a keyword-rich one that will increase your discoverability by LinkedIn and Google searches.

Think up on keywords to describe your job history or career aspirations. Then use that creative description as your (120-character maximum) profile headline instead.

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It doesn't have to be a semester of KD

Some food for thought. Avoid both an empty stomach and an empty bank account by devouring these suggestions

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It's important to follow a balanced diet of nutritious foods to stay healthy. However, a lot of people find it difficult to make good choices in the grocery store, whether it's because the healthier items are more expensive than the less nutritious ones or because we don't always know which foods are best for us.

If it's true that we are what we eat, we can't really afford to not make smart decisions when it comes to food.

Thankfully, and contrary to popular belief, eating well doesn't have to mean buying costly organic foods or shopping at pricey health food

stores, though if you can afford to get your groceries at your local farmers' market or health food store, by all means do.

It can actually be quite easy to eat well while saving money on your grocery bill each month if you follow these simple tips.

Plan ahead

Before heading to the store, you should always check the store's flyer to see what's on sale and make a list of what you plan to buy.

Your shopping list should include staples and items that are on sale or in-season. If you have the time, you can visit multiple grocery stores to take advantage of sales at each place. If that's not an option, pick the store that usually has good deals. Know what you are able to spend before you start shopping and match it to your list in order to avoid impulse buys.

Track your total

You've probably noticed that the cost of the contents of your shopping cart can add up quickly.

To avoid being surprised at



There are better ways to start your days than with a bowl of chocolate cereal and your chemistry notes. iStock

the cash, keep track of what your total will be as you add each item to your cart or basket. Use the calculator on your phone or a notepad if you need to. Seem like a hassle? It's a great way to figure out which items really aren't worth what they bring to your table.

Make healthy choices

Begin your shopping by circling the store's perimeter, where the produce, bakery, meat and dairy sections usually are. Fill your cart up with fresh foods. Make an effort to choose items that are on sale. The food in the aisles is usually more processed, therefore less nutritious, and is

Kitchen in a click

Keep an eye out for simple, inexpensive recipes:

- There are dozens of websites and blogs filled with easy, healthy recipes that use low-cost ingredients. Vegetarian meals in particular are usually really inexpensive to make.
- Saving money doesn't mean cutting corners on flavour.

often more expensive, though there are exceptions: lentils, beans and other legumes, and brown rice, barley, steel-cut oats and other whole grains are extremely healthy, filling, inexpensive food choices. If you are not already incorporating them into your diet, now is a good time to start. Your wallet and your body will benefit.

Buy in bulk

More often than not, choosing the largest size of something

is the cheapest option. Think family-sized cereals and large bags of potatoes, onions and carrots, for example. Buy in bigger quantities when possible. If you're only shopping for one, try splitting purchases with roommates or friends. And when non-perishable items such as canned vegetables, beans, pasta and pasta sauce, cereals, crackers, flour, spices, dried fruit and nuts go on sale, stock up. It will mean a slightly larger cost upfront but you'll be saving yourself money in the long run.

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Aussie men pledge allegiance to 'Genie'



Eugenie Bouchard, holding a stuffed animal of a wombat thrown by one of her admirers, celebrates after defeating Ana Ivanovic at the Australian Open, Tuesday. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Supporters of Canada's Eugenie Bouchard watch her quarter-final match against Ana Ivanovic in Melbourne, Tuesday. ANDREW BROWNBILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Australian Open. Fans will see a lot more of Canadian Bouchard as she moves up the ranks

They've composed chants just for Canadian tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, roared for her until they went hoarse, and toasted her wins by fudging their way through "O Canada."

Meet the "Genie Army" — a dozen boisterous Aussies who, despite boasting zero connection to Canada, have become Bouchard's unofficial cheerleaders at the Australian Open.

Members of the weeks-old squad have jumped, danced and serenaded their way into an unmistakable grandstand presence during the Montreal teen's impressive run at the event, where she has earned a spot in Thursday's semifinal.

The devotees, mostly men in their 20s, have also fashioned red-and-white T-shirts that spell out Bouchard's name, flapped banners for her during matches, and lobbed plush animals — each of them native to Australia — to her on the court following each of her victories.

Though they have had little face-to-face interaction with Bouchard, they have certainly commanded her attention in Melbourne.

"The crowd here has been amazing, especially the Genie Army," Bouchard, 19, said Tuesday during an on-court interview after beating Ana Ivanovic.

She then pointed up to her noisy personal cheering section.

Quarter-final Wednesday

- Dominika Cibulkova won the last eight games in a one-hour, 6-3, 6-0 rout of No. 11-seeded Simona Halep.
- Agnieszka Radwanska ended Victoria Azarenka's 18-match winning streak at the Australian Open with a 6-1, 5-7, 6-0 upset. She will face Cibulkova in the semi-finals.

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"I've had so much fun. Thank you guys."

The inspiration behind a brigade dedicated to Bouchard came after a bunch of Australian buddies watched her upset Ivanovic last year at Wimbledon, said one of the Army members.

In December, as the Australian Open approached, Jacob Wright said the crew decided to become her own booster club, so they started making shirts and penning Bouchard chants.

The Genie Army was born.

"She's just a great tennis player," Wright, 20, told The Canadian Press in a Skype interview from Melbourne.

"Obviously, she's a good-looking girl as well, and we're young guys, but she is a really good tennis player. It's really, really good fun to watch."

Their movement has had nothing to do with patriotism, either. When asked whether any of them had a connection to Canada, he replied: "None of us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sochi Games

Canada names snowboard roster

Defending Olympic gold medalist Jasey-Jay Anderson and 2010 Olympian Dominique Maltais are among 19 athletes added to Canada's Olympic snowboard team.

Anderson, from Mont-Tremblant, Que., claimed gold in the men's parallel giant slalom at the 2010 Vancouver Games and is a four-time world champion.

Maltais, from Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Que., won bronze in snowboard cross at the 2006 Games and silver at the 2013 worlds.

Regina's Mark McMorris was also officially named to the team and will make his first Olympic appearance in men's snowboard cross.

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A-Rod's peers want him out of union

Several angry major league players wanted Alex Rodriguez kicked out of their union after he sued it last week, but staff lawyers told them expulsion was not allowed.

Rodriguez also sued Major League Baseball to overturn an arbitrator's decision suspending him for the 2014 season and post-season.

Details were first reported Tuesday by Yahoo Sports and later confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the call. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'In my mind I've moved on': Calvillo



Anthony Calvillo wipes his eyes Tuesday in Montreal. RYAN REMIOW/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anthony Calvillo isn't sure where he'll be when the Montreal Alouettes open training camp in June.

He just knows that for the first time since '98 he won't be on the field in his teal-coloured No. 13 practice jersey.

The 41-year-old who rewrote the record book for quarterbacks announced his retirement Tuesday following a 20-year career. It's an end Calvillo knew was coming when he missed the final 10 games of the regular season with a concussion.

Owner on Calvillo

"Arguably one of the great players in the history of professional football."

Alouettes owner Robert Wetenhall

"My mind was pretty much made up at the end of the season that I wanted to retire," said Calvillo. "I went on holidays to think about it but I was 99 per cent sure."

"In my mind I've moved on. The process of being hurt

helped me go through the transition. So when June comes around, I don't know where I'll be."

Calvillo leaves as pro football's most prolific passer (79,816 yards) and the CFL's all-time leader in completions (5,892), attempts (9,437) and TD strikes (455). He also holds records for completions in one game (44), most 300-yard contests (125) and 4,000-yard seasons (11). Calvillo led Montreal to eight Grey Cup appearances, winning in 2002, 2009 and 2010. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Give 'er': Lumsden brings intensity to bobsled team



Brake man Jesse Lumsden of Canada is seen with a bloody face at the world championship last January in St Moritz, Switzerland.

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Olympics. Ex-CFLer among favourites to grace podium in Sochi

The intensity is mesmerizing when Canada's Jesse Lumsden steps behind the sled at the top of the bobsled course.

He takes a few deep breaths, grinds his teeth and will maybe let out a yell. His darting eyes scan the icy track below and he might slap the side of the sled.

"There's no real same sort of steps that I go through. I remind myself of a couple things that are going to help me push the sled and give 'er," Lumsden said.

With pilot Chris Spring by his side, Lumsden uses every bit of power from his chiselled frame to explode out of the start. The former CFL star compares the feeling to a special-teams play in football.

Lumsden joined the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in 2005. He spent four years with the Ticats be-

fore heading west, closing out his football career with injury-plagued seasons in Edmonton and Calgary.

Lumsden attended a bobsled push camp in February 2009, and treated it as a training opportunity that might help him on the field.

He qualified for the 2010 Olympic team in the two-man and four-man sleds, finishing fifth in both events.

"I knew it was going to be very exhilarating to compete in the sport and something very different that I'm not really used to," he said.

He decided to focus solely on bobsled in 2011 and his return to the Winter Games has been top of mind ever since.

Lumsden won silver at the world championship in 2012 and took the World Cup title last season with Lyndon Rush of Humboldt, Sask. Now 31, he is primed for Olympic success in the two-man and four-man sleds on the deep Canadian team. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Sens win Capital clash in D.C.

Capitals centre Marcus Johansson skates with the puck with Ottawa Senators left wing Colin Greening trailing on Tuesday night in Washington. Kyle Turris and Jason Spezza scored, Craig Anderson made 34 saves and the Senators beat Washington 2-0. **ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	49	31	15	3	141	109	65
Tampa Bay	50	29	16	5	146	123	63
Montreal	49	27	17	5	126	120	59
Toronto	51	26	20	5	145	154	57
Ottawa	50	22	19	9	141	155	53
Detroit	49	21	18	10	122	134	52
Florida	50	20	23	7	120	151	47
Buffalo	48	13	28	7	89	137	33

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	49	34	13	2	157	120	70
NY Rangers	52	27	22	3	131	133	57
Philadelphia	50	25	19	6	137	144	56
Columbus	49	25	20	4	143	138	54
New Jersey	51	21	19	11	122	124	53
Washington	50	22	20	8	142	152	52
Carolina	48	20	19	9	117	137	49
NY Islanders	52	21	24	7	147	169	49

Tuesday's results

Florida 4 Buffalo 3
Ottawa 2 Washington 0
Columbus 5 Los Angeles 3
New Jersey 7 St. Louis 1
NY Islanders 5 NY Rangers 3
Carolina at Philadelphia, ppd.
Minnesota at Dallas
Toronto at Colorado

Monday's results

Toronto 4 Phoenix 2
St. Louis 4 Detroit 1
San Jose 3 Calgary 2
NY Islanders 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
Florida 5 Pittsburgh 1
Nashville 4 Dallas 1
Boston 3 Los Angeles 2

Wednesday's games

All times Eastern

Carolina at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's games

St. Louis at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	51	32	8	11	184	139	75
St. Louis	49	33	11	5	171	115	71
Colorado	48	31	12	5	142	122	67
Minnesota	51	27	19	5	125	125	59
Nashville	51	22	22	7	125	152	51
Dallas	49	21	20	8	137	152	50
Winnipeg	50	22	23	5	141	150	49

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	51	37	9	5	175	126	79
San Jose	50	32	12	6	161	123	70
Los Angeles	51	29	16	6	131	108	64
Vancouver	50	25	16	9	127	127	59
Phoenix	49	23	17	9	141	149	55
Calgary	50	16	27	7	111	159	39
Edmonton	51	15	30	6	131	181	36

Note: 2 points for a win, 1 point for overtime loss.

Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at NY Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Winnipeg at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	43	68
Tavares, NYI	23	36	59
Getzlaf, Ana	25	33	58
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Perry, Ana	27	28	55
Thornton, SJ	6	47	53
Pavelski, SJ	27	23	50
St. Louis, TBL	25	25	50
Sharp, Chi	25	25	50
Kessel, Tor	24	26	50
Ovechkin, Wash	35	14	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49

Tuesday's games not included

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	33	7	.825	N
d-Miami	30	12	.714	4
Atlanta	21	19	.525	12
d-Toronto	20	20	.500	13
Washington	20	20	.500	13
Chicago	20	20	.500	13
Brooklyn	18	22	.450	15
Charlotte	18	25	.419	16½
Detroit	17	24	.415	16½
Cleveland	15	26	.366	18½
New York	15	26	.366	18½
Boston	14	29	.326	20½
Philadelphia	13	28	.317	20½
Orlando	11	31	.262	23
Milwaukee	7	33	.175	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	32	9	.780	N
d-Oklahoma City	32	10	.762	½
Portland	31	11	.738	1½
d-L.A. Clippers	29	14	.674	4
Houston	28	15	.651	5
Golden State	26	17	.605	7
Dallas	25	18	.581	8
Phoenix	23	17	.575	8½
Memphis	20	20	.500	11½
Denver	20	20	.500	11½
Minnesota	19	21	.475	12½
New Orleans	16	24	.400	15½
L.A. Lakers	16	26	.381	16½
Sacramento	14	25	.359	17
Utah	14	28	.333	18½

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Tuesday's results

Brooklyn 101 Orlando 90
Miami 93 Boston 86
Oklahoma City 105 Portland 97
Sacramento at New Orleans
Minnesota at Utah
Wednesday's games
Dallas at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Boston at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Houston, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at San Antonio, 8 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

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Fight for good value in the Patriot



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Review. Is the lowest-priced Jeep “Jeep-y” enough? It will do just fine for most

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It's hard to believe, but some Jeep fans are unhappy that Chrysler has applied the Cherokee label to a much sleeker 2014 version that in no way resembles the previous decades-old design. For these folks, the one-word response is “Patriot”.

Of course the Patriot, which is based on the now retired Dodge Caliber, lacks the rugged chops of the old Cherokee. However it closely resembles that boxy model and, unless you're planning some serious off-road running, it's actually better in most ways.

Funny thing about nostalgia: it often tends to obscure reality. Truth be told, the preceding American Motors-created Cherokee XJ wasn't all that comfortable and its four and six-cylinder engines were rough running and thirsty.

In fairness, the XJ did offer a bit more ground clearance and cargo space. But for most applications, including occasional off-road forays, the Patriot is up for the challenge. For anything more than that, Jeep's rugged Wranglers are likely your best choice. Keeping this Jeep on the move is a choice of four-cylinder engines that have been around since the Patriot first arrived for the 2007 model year. The base 2.0-litre makes 158 horsepower and 141 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 2.4-litre four-cylinder is rated at 172 horsepower and 165 pound-feet of torque. A five-speed manual transmission can be had in the front-wheel-drive 2.0 models and front and four-wheel-drive 2.4 Patriots. The 2.0 cannot be ordered with 4x4.

A six-speed automatic transmission (supplied by Hyundai) with manual shift controls is now optional for both engines, replacing the previous continuously variable unit (CVT). That might seem like an about-face from the current trend, but the new automatic makes for a quieter, more predictable experience. The base four-wheel-drive system for the 2.4 is Free-

2014 Jeep Patriot

- **Type.** Four-door, front- or four-wheel-drive compact tall wagon
- **Engines (hp)** 2.0-litre DOHC I4 (158); 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (172)
- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.); CVT (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** \$19,700

Interior

If the Patriot resembles the old Cherokee on the outside, it looks nothing like it on the inside. An updating for 2009 included a more attractive (and less plasticky) dashboard and door panels, as well as upgraded upholstery.

Compare



1 Hyundai Tucson
Base price: \$23,400



2 Ford Escape
Base price: \$23,100

Fuel economy

Fuel consumption rings in at 8.9 l/100 km in the city and 6.6 highway for base 2.0 models with the stick shift and 9.7/7.0 with the automatic. The least efficient models have Freedom Drive II and chime in at 10.3/8.7

dom Drive I. In ideal-traction conditions 100 per cent of the engine torque remains with the front wheels, but when tire slip is detected, power is automatically sent to the rears. The system also has a centre coupling that, once engaged, maintains a 50:50 torque split.

For actual trail-rated off-roading needs, the 2.4 can be ordered with the Freedom Drive II off-road package that has a 19:1 low-range “crawl” ratio for clambering over rocks and other obstacles. The system also includes hill-descent control that maintains a set speed during steep descents while brake

lock differentials control side-to-side wheel rotation on both axles so that all wheels constantly turn at the same speed. The old CVT is mandatory with Freedom Drive II, although Jeep says it's made improvements to operation and drivability.

The base Sport trim level with the 2.0-litre engine is priced at \$19,700, including destination charges, but is little more than a basic box on wheels. You even have to crank your own windows. The Patriot North, which comes with either 2.0 or the 2.4, adds power windows plus air conditioning and many other niceties.

Along with the 2.4-litre engine as standard, the top-end Limited (available in front or four-wheel-drive) comes with climate control, leather-trimmed seats, and an upgraded audio system.

Several available option groupings include a power sunroof, roof rack, all-terrain tires and drop-down liftgate speakers for tailgate partying. Despite best intentions, it's unlikely that Jeep die-hards will be moved to consider the Patriot as the ideal replacement for their long-gone Cherokee. For everyone else, this humble Jeep is still worthy of consideration.

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Is the aftermarket stereo a dying breed?

Autoknow. Touch screens in new cars are so integrated with vehicle systems that it might be next to impossible to upgrade the audio

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As smartphones and in-car touchscreen music systems move from the exception to the rule, the technology tsunami threatens what was once a pretty standard ritual: getting rid of the factory stereo for something much better/cooler from the local electronics emporium.

The days of buying a tape deck and a pair of 6x9-inch speakers are long gone, but did anyone see this coming? A recent study released by IMS Research, a leading supplier of market analysis in the global electronics industry, asked the tough question facing top car-stereo companies such as Alpine, Kenwood and Pioneer: are vehicle manufacturers causing the death of the traditional aftermarket car stereo?

The IMS report projects that aftermarket stereo sales in North America and Western Europe will slip from \$1.7 billion U.S. in 2011 to \$718 million in 2018, a nearly 60 per cent decline across seven years.

The reasons for the free-fall forecast in the sale of head units — also called receivers or “decks,” and the centre-piece of the car stereo system — are many and growing.

But most industry analysts believe aftermarket stereo demand is being undermined mainly in three areas: modern and intricate dashboard designs; the difficulty of replacing a standard stock system, and an improved quality in stereos rolling off assembly lines. IMS senior analyst Jack Berquist said that for aftermarket stereo manufacturers to stay profitable, or even afloat, a marketing evolution needs to take place.

“The industry is going to see a shift away from high-volume, low-cost units to low-volume, high-cost and more advanced units,” Berquist explained. “If manufacturers aren’t able to innovate and assess new markets effectively in this period, future success will be hard to guarantee.”

Then and Now

As a history lesson, it was the mid-1980s, an era when



The aftermarket audio industry has thrived on the lack of attention the automakers have given to sound quality, but the landscape is quickly changing. While there will likely always be someone willing to pay to upgrade, the new crop of touchscreens installed at the factory presents a major concern.

Quoted

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Jack Berquist, IMS senior analyst

rockers Motley Crew, Van Halen and Guns N’ Roses ruled the airwaves and cassette decks, that remains the golden age of the aftermarket stereo business. Most vehicle models of the era featured a uniformly sized rectangular cavity in the dashboard that allowed for snug and easy

installation of a replacement system with pleasing aesthetics and terrific sound. Changing today’s stock systems, units that often feature cutout-free stereos integrated into seamless dashboards, is a much more complex and costly process, and arguably the main reason the IMS study predicts a sales decline so steep that stereo manufacturers are already scrambling to prepare. Adding to the complexity of replacing a standard issue stereo in a new car with an aftermarket unit is that the “infotainment” head units continue to become more integrated with other vehicle systems (see steering wheel mounted audio and climate controls), making replacement



With touchscreens neatly integrated into the dash of even inexpensive cars such as this Chevy Spark, is it even possible to put in an aftermarket audio system? Better speakers and amplifiers seem more likely. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

complicated and costly and perhaps impractical. With an estimated 33 per cent of drivers already using smartphones or MP3 players for in-car audio and automakers catering to those needs with full smartphone-integrated systems, the temptation and the need for a stereo upgrade has been diminished to the point of near pointlessness. “These new developments from vehicle manufacturers could spell the end of the traditional aftermarket car radio in the next 10 years, especially in mature markets,” the IMS study said. According to a story in USA Today, car-stereo makers and retailers continue to devise strategies that will help them survive a changing marketplace, the most logical of which may be to offer a larger catalogue of vehicle electronics that includes improved navigation devices, interactive gaming systems, and backseat video. Barry Vogel, the president of auto electronic trade group Mobile Enhancement Retailers Association, told the USA Today that broadening the demographic will be another important step for manufacturers to build and maintain their client base. “The target audience is anyone who breathes and drives a car,” Vogel said. “If

we limited the market to that 16- to 24-year-old that we so loved (back in the aftermarket heyday), the industry will miss out.”

Back to the Future

Safe to say with technology a growing battleground in the new-car market, auto builders have no interest in returning to a dashboard design that makes it easy to swap out head units. So what are stereo manufacturers to do?

“We need to make car audio cool again,” Pioneer Electronics vice president Larry Rougas said at a recent industry summit. Complicated dashboards are forcing car-stereo manufacturers to circumvent the old laws of swap-and-go systems and gear their efforts toward accessories and integration kits. The more progressive aftermarket stereos mate with the factory audio system but hide the main unit underneath the seats. Installation runs the wires through the dash and into a mountable cradle that holds and allows a smartphone to control all the music features. Most of these systems also come with SiriusXM and Pandora (Internet radio) ready and offer complete control of and by the cell

Quoted

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Says the IMS study

phone. These near-future audio systems can perform almost all the tasks of a stock unit, with improved sound quality, but they come with a heavy price: integration replacement kits typically start at about \$300 before installation, giving stereo specialists even more incentive to think out of the boom box with future system designs, product lineups and marketing strategies aimed at both the young and the mature buyer. “But it’s not all doom and gloom for aftermarket manufacturers,” the IMS study concluded. “The existing fraternity of diehard audiophiles who are willing to invest significantly to create a unique experience in their vehicles is unlikely to disappear in the future.”

Usual suspects get this year's accolades

Canadian vehicle sales. Record year in 2013 is spurred on by trusted, popular brands and a whole lot of pickup sales



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The big news is that Canadians purchased over 1.7 million new vehicles in 2013, breaking the previous sales record, which stood for over a decade.

The not-so-big news is that the nameplates that did most of the heavy lifting in 2013 are ones we've seen before: F-Series, Honda Civic, Dodge Grand Caravan, Ford Escape, etc.

Man, as a group of vehicle buyers, Canadians are so predictable and consistent. We love our pickups, our compact sedans, our minivans, and our compact SUVs and crossovers. It would have been cool if, say, the Maserati Quattroporte outsold the Toyota Corolla, just once! But it's never going to happen I suspect.

Analysts attribute the sales surge to pent-up demand, a slowly recovering economy, and lots of lots of pickups being sold, particularly out west where the economy continues to be hotter than Tex-Mex BBQ sauce. Total pickup sales crossed the 300,000-unit frontier for the first time in history. Lots of pickup sales for work-related ventures for sure, but analysts say the trend toward

Top 10 sellers in 2013

- 1) Ford F-Series Pickup - 122,325
- 2) Chevrolet and GMC Pickup - 84,398
- 3) Dodge Ram Pickup- 80,248
- 4) Honda Civic - 64,603*
- 5) Dodge and Chrysler Mini-van - 55,157
- 6) Toyota Corolla - 55,138
- 7) Hyundai Elantra - 54,760
- 8) Ford Escape - 45,141
- 9) Mazda 3 - 40,466
- 10) Honda CRV - 34,481

***TOP SELLING PASSENGER CAR**
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more personal use pickups is also at play. The Ford F-Series topped all trucks and cars again in 2013, for its fourth-consecutive overall sales crown.

It will be interesting to see if the all-new F-Series just introduced at the Detroit auto show will continue the winning legacy, seeing that Ford rolled the dice somewhat on this new model. It's the first pickup with virtually all-aluminum body panels, for a lighter and more fuel-efficient truck.

This should certainly appeal to the personal use crowd, but many wonder if the complexity and cost involved in fixing inadvertently crashed and dinged aluminum might scare off some fleet and commercial customers. Chrysler's Ram pickups continue to make headway. As a group, they're still third behind the Ford and GM competitors, but an awfully strong third. Not long ago they used to be afterthoughts in the full-size segment. Strong F-Series, Focus, Fusion, and Escape sales helped Ford regain the top-selling automaker status in the Canadian marketplace, followed by Chrysler, then GM.

Jaguar is not going to threaten the Big Three anytime soon, or any of its luxury competitors as well, but it did post one of the best year-over-year increases: 1,263 Jaguars were sold in 2013, compared to 644 in 2012, an almost 100 per cent improvement. Certainly helping were the 229 F-type sports cars that found buyers in 2013. Jaguar has been out of that particular sports car segment for far too long, and it's great to see them back, and back with such a strong car. Other highlights and low-lights of the 2013 sales year:

When it came to strictly passenger cars (no trucks or CUVs or SUVs or minivans), Toyota was top, with a 12.8 percent share of the overall market. But Hyundai was not far behind with a 12.4 percent share. Honda was third with an 11.9 percent share.

Nissan Leaf sales almost doubled (470 vs. 240), while Chevrolet Volt's sales performance went somewhat the other way: down to 931 units, from 1,225 in 2012. Smart is staying consistent: 2,387 sales in 2012; 2,237 sales in 2013. Corvette is win-

ning more fans: 324 sales, compared to 250 last year.

Two-hundred and fourteen new Ferraris went home with their lucky new buyers in 2013, up slightly from 2012, where 190 made the getaway.



Will the 2015 Ford F-series sell as much as its predecessor? Pickups' popularity in general is sky high right now. CONTRIBUTOR






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BMW M3 looks like a safe used-car bet

Second gear.

2007-2013
BMW M3

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Lusted after by fans of high-strung, German-engineered performance cars, the BMW M3 entered its fourth generation for model-year 2007, packing, for the first time, a V8 engine. Shoppers considering an M3 from this era can look for a sedan, coupe or convertible, manual or dual-clutch, paddle-shift transmission, and access to one of the most storied performance car driving experiences on the road. Feature content included a carbon-fiber roof, xenon lights, automatic climate control, Bluetooth, navigation, and a full leather interior. The M3 topped the BMW 3-Series model range as the most powerful, highest-performing 3 series variant available.



Common issues

Using the iDrive system, click 'Menu', then 'Vehicle Information' then 'Check Control' to see if the M3 has any issues. A mechanical inspection including a 'scan' of the M3's drivetrain computer systems

should be considered mandatory. Other reported issues are mainly minor: bad window seals on coupe models, which could cause the glass to scratch,

some interior squeaks and rattles, and a wonky brake-light fault system that could cause a brake-light 'failure' message to display, possibly even if the

brake lights are working. The V8 looks bulletproof so far, though ensuring the one you're considering has been treated to all regular maintenance and fluid changes is key to ensuring its long-term durability and reliability. The M3's

transmissions look solid too, albeit some programming-related clumsiness from the M-DCT control system. Some owners have had issues with this high-tech gearbox resolved with dealer-installed software updates. If you prefer a

manual transmission, stick to your guns. Finally, to ensure you benefit from maximum long-term reliability and durability from your M3, avoid a model with extensive modifications to the engine or suspension.

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What owners like



Performance, discreet styling upgrades, a magnificently tuned engine, track-ready handling and brakes and all-around recognition and exclusivity are highly rated by M3 owners. Many owners report that the M3 also does well as a daily driver when driven gently too. A look that favours sportiness, not bling, rounds out the package.

What owners dislike



Common gripes include heavy fuel consumption, a stiff suspension, a plain-jane interior relative to some competitors, and the perpetual threat of driver's licence revocation.

Engine



All models got a four-litre V8 with 414 horsepower at a snarling 8,300 RPM, and all units were rear-wheel drive.

The verdict

The M3 owners community reports that the 2007 to 2013 M3 is largely a reliable performance machine that's fantastic to drive and free of serious issues. Common issues are minor and easily identified, not to mention largely electronic in nature. A model purchased through a certified pre-owned program with full service records is your safest bet.

Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

You may not agree with what you hear today but let others have their say. Free speech is worth fighting for. If someone shouts down opposing opinions, make it your business to defend their right to be different.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

If there is something you have been trying to do but every time you get started you are forced to stop, it could be a sign that you should be doing something else.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Certain people may be feeling down but they have no right to bring you down with them, so go where there is music playing and people dancing and not a sad face to be seen.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone older and wiser will give you advice today, and if you are smart, you will listen and learn. Don't forget there are more important things in life than material success, like doing the right thing.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone's negative attitudes are getting you down more than you care to admit. If you have been thinking of bringing a partnership to an end, now is the time to be decisive. Don't feel sorry for them.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

You'll get more done over the next 24 hours than you got done in the past 24 days. But don't think that means you have to work harder. Achieve more by doing less.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

First appearances can be deceptive, so don't be put off if someone you meet seems too serious for your tastes. The planets suggest you will be working together. Do what you can to put them at ease.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You may be reserved but every now and again you go right the other way and say things that shock. This is one of those days. You've had enough of criticisms. It's time to hit back.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Let others know what they are doing is wrong and what they must do to put it right. Don't allow yourself to worry that you might bruise their egos. Honesty is the best policy.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You are trying hard to deny your feelings for someone because you fear it might damage your reputation. Maybe it will, but is that really a good enough excuse to turn your back on affection?

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Although this is your time of year what happens today may take the gloss off things a bit. In a way that's good because you need days like this to remind you that all those other days must not be taken for granted.

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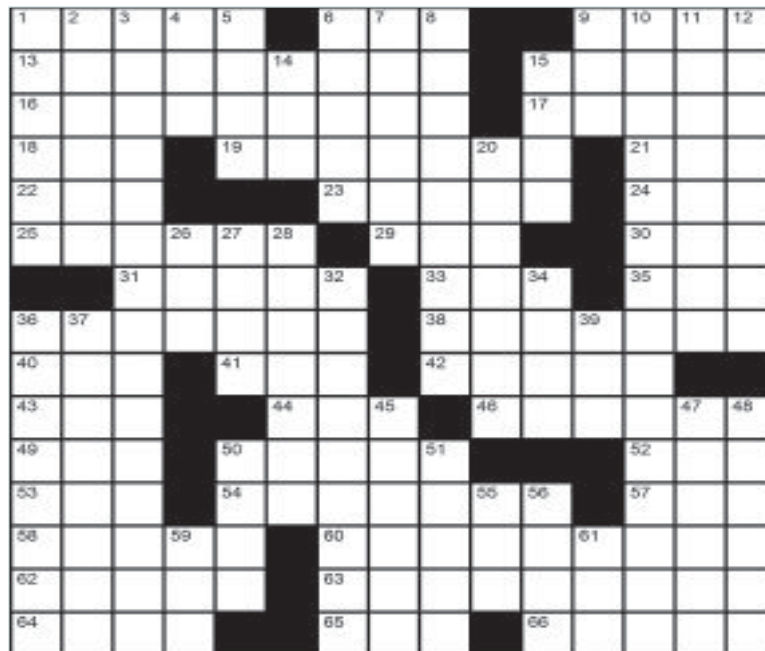
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Don't worry if the party spirit seems to have passed you by because it is the inner spirit that matters. The planets indicate the deeper you think about your life's meaning, the more you will enjoy it. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. "___" always the case...
6. Pouch
9. Rhyme scheme
13. Canadian basketball star: 2 wds.
15. Elongated circles
16. Toronto restaurant, The Old ___ Factory
17. Ms. Croft's of video games
18. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
19. The first Mrs. de Winter's memory haunts in this 1940 Hitchcock thriller
21. Pre-A.D. time
22. Q. "Is ___ '___' that goes after 'G'?" A. "Yes."
23. Comedy's Mr. Smirnoff
24. Escaped
25. Jane of "Hot in Cleveland"
29. #13-Across' team, on scoreboards
30. Mr. Carney
31. Tear paper: 2 wds.
33. Greyish-brown
35. Canonized Mlle.
36. "The Towering ___" (1974)
38. Gave off
40. Beatles' Chairman in "Revolution"
41. Hockey's Bobby
42. Record
43. Stray
44. "The Simpsons"



Down

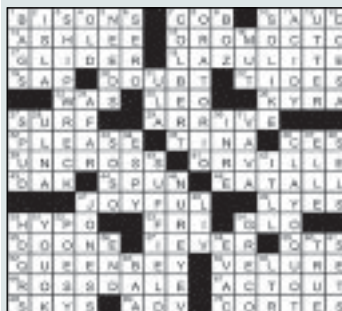
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1. Bombard
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Yesterday's Crossword

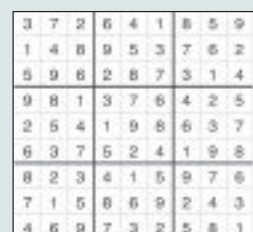


Sudoku

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: -26°
MIN: -31°

THURSDAY



MAX: -17°
MIN: -17°

FRIDAY



MAX: -6°
MIN: -14°



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